



# » LU Completion Academy Team

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## » COMPLETION STRATEGIES

### **Creation of the Center for Academic Advising**

The professional staff advises all students who have earned less than 45 credit hours. Each advisor is a specialist in the programs of one or more departments.

### **Creation of the Center for Academic Support and Career Services**

All academic support services were consolidated and located in Inman Page Library. Tutoring sessions are also being held in the residence halls. A new Career Services Center was opened in Inman Page Library.

### **Reorganization of the Residential Life Staff**

All residence hall directors must have Masters degrees. Residence hall staff will be trained in academic coaching.

### **Creation of the Office for the Male Initiative**

This office manages several programs designed to improve the retention of at risk male students.



# CO-REMEDIATION MODEL FOR MATHEMATICS AND ENGLISH

- ENG-101: Composition and Rhetoric I
  - Co-remediated sections for students whose ACT English sub-scores are less than 18. Replaces former ENG-90 and ENG-95 remedial courses.
- MAT-111: Intermediate Algebra
  - Co-remediated sections for students whose ACT Math sub-scores are less than 18. Replaces former MAT-50 and MAT-51 remedial courses.
- Co-remediated sections meets 5 days per week. Lecture is MWF and Lab is on TTh.



## ➤ Campus Engagement

- Team consists of faculty, staff and administrators.
- Department Heads met regularly through the Spring 2014 to discuss issues related to co-remediation.
- Faculty members from mathematics and English met throughout the Spring 2014 and Summer 2014 semesters to plan new courses.
- Dr. Larry Abele conducted a workshop for staff and students describing successful completion measures he has managed.
- Representatives from the area of mathematics attended the Math Summit at Southeast Missouri State University.
- Beginning in the Fall 2014 semester, faculty members enter attendance reports for all classes on a weekly basis.



# Challenges

- Logistics of scheduling co-remediated sections
- Difficulty of making full schedules for students who need co-remediated English and math
- Technological issues
- Adjustment to lots of changes over a small amount of time.





## Next Steps

- Continue to improve co-remediated courses.
- Create academic maps for all degree programs
- Promote the “15 to Finish” model
- Involve other departments in co-remediation efforts

